

Amendments to the Claims

1) through 6) (Cancelled)

7) (Previously Presented) An aqueous colorant preparation comprising 0.1% to 50% by weight of at least one heavy metal complex colorant, 0.001% to 0.1% by weight of an antimicrobial mixture, wherein the antimicrobial mixture is a mixture of 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one, 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one and 2-bromo-2-nitropropane-1,3-diol and 10% to 90% by weight of deionized water, all based on the total weight (100% by weight) of the colorant preparation.

8) (Previously Presented) An aqueous colorant preparation comprising at least 20 ppm of heavy metal ions and 0.1% to 50% by weight of at least one colorant 0.001% to 0.1% by weight of an antimicrobial mixture wherein the antimicrobial mixture is a mixture of 5-chloro-2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one, 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one and 2-bromo-2-nitropropane-1,3-diol and 10% to 90% by weight of deionized water, all based on the total weight (100% by weight) of the colorant preparation.

9) through 13 (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) A composition produced with the aqueous colorant composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein the composition is selected from the group consisting of color filters, electronic inks and electronic paper.

15. (Previously Presented) A fiberous composition produced with the aqueous colorant composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein fiberous composition is a natural or synthetic material.

16. (Previously Presented) A recording fluid comprising the aqueous colorant preparation as claimed in claim 7.

17. (Previously Presented) An ink jet ink comprising the aqueous colorant preparation as claimed in claim 7.